

UNCLASSIFIED

E4

Current Class: SECRET  
Current Handling: n/a  
Document Number: 1978BUENOS03749

Page: 1

Channel: n/a

RELEASED IN FULL

SECRET

PAGE 01 BUENOS 03749 161657Z  
ACTION NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 W

-----114330 161700Z /47

O 161405Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5724

S E C R E T BUENOS AIRES 3749

NODIS DECAPTIONED

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, AR  
SUBJECT: ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: STATE 3703

AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH GENERAL VIOLA

1. GENERAL VIOLA CALLED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HIM AT HIS OFFICE ON MONDAY (MAY 15) AT 17:45. THE FORMAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO MEET ALONE AND WE DID.
2. VIOLA INFORMED ME HE MET WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA AND HAD FULLY DISCUSSED THE PROPOSITION OF A MISSION, COMING TO BUENOS AIRES. VIOLA DESCRIBED VIDELA'S ENTHUSIASM ABOUT HIS ENDORSEMENT OF SUCH A TEAM'S TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL IN RESOLVING A THORNY AND SERIOUS PROBLEM AFFECTING TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.
3. FURTHERMORE, VIOLA SAID THE PRESIDENT FELT THE MISSION SHOULD ARRIVE ASAP. VIOLA SUGGESTED MEETINGS SHOULD START ON MONDAY, MAY 22 AND FINISH ON TUESDAY, IF NECESSARY. VIOLA FELT TEAM COULD DEPART WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND REST ALL DAY SUNDAY AND THUS BE SHARP AS A TACK ON MONDAY MORNING.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 BUENOS 03749 161657Z

4. BOTH PRESIDENT VIDELA AND VIOLA WANT ASAP THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF US TEAM. ALSO, VIOLA EXPRESSED THAT GOA WAS AT A DISADVANTAGE INASMUCH AS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Current Class: SECRET  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: JOHN L MILLS  
DATE/CASE ID: 23 AUG 2004 200401245

Page: 1

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

Current Class: SECRET  
Current Handling: n/a  
Document Number: 1978BUENOS03749

Page: 2  
Channel: n/a

WERE CLEAR TO US TEAM BUT FELT THAT DUE TO LACK OF DETAILS  
GOA WAS NOT SURE WHAT WAS EXPECTED OF THEM. I PROMISED  
THEM THAT FURTHER DATA WOULD BE FURNISHED THEM ON MY  
RECEIPT OF SAME FROM DEPARTMENT. VIOLA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT  
FORMAT OF MEETINGS.

5. TIME IS OF ESSENCE, SO PLEASE SEND ALL PERTINENT DATA  
SO I MAY CONVEY IT TO VIOLA. PLEASE CONFIRM ETA.  
CASTRO

SECRET

NNN

Current Class: SECRET

Page: 2

UNCLASSIFIED